

**RUSTON FIELD**  
**03-176 and 03-177**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.**

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on **TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2003**, upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY, INC.**

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Causey Sand, Reservoir A, and the Hosston 8100' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Ruston Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

1. To authorize Ocean Energy, Inc. to drill, designate and utilize the Ocean Energy, Inc. - R D Howard No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for CAUSEY RA SUC and HOSS 8100 RA SUE, at the locations shown on the plats submitted with the application.
2. To authorize Ocean Energy, Inc. to designate and utilize the Ocean Energy, Inc. - Della Colvin No. 4 Well as an alternate unit well for CAUSEY RA SUC and HOSS 8100 RA SUE, at the locations shown on the plats submitted with the application.
3. To establish that the proposed alternate unit wells are necessary to recover hydrocarbons underlying CAUSEY RA SUC and HOSS 8100 RA SUE that cannot be produced from any other well located on these units.
4. To authorize the unit allowables for CAUSEY RA SUC and HOSS 8100 RA SUE to be recovered from the existing well(s), the proposed alternate unit wells, or from any combination of the wells located on these units, at the discretion of the operator.
5. To authorize Ocean Energy, Inc. to combine downhole in wellbores of the Ocean Energy, Inc. - R D Howard No. 1 Well, and/or the Della Colvin No. 4 Well, and/or the wellbores of any current or future wells drilled on the subject units, production derived from the Causey Sand, Reservoir A, and the Hosston 8100' Zone, Reservoir A, underlying CAUSEY RA SUC and HOSS 8100 RA SUE.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Causey Sand, Reservoir A, in the Ruston Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 164-EE, effective on and after May 20, 2002.

The Hosston 8100' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Ruston Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 164-O-29, effective on and after January 10, 1995.

Plats are available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Shreveport**, Louisiana or may be found at the following site:

[www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm](http://www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm).

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

**BY ORDER OF:**

**JAMES H. WELSH**  
**COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION**

Baton Rouge, La

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DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION -  
ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-  
9275 IN WRITING WITHIN FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING  
DATE.**